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July 25 Bourse
July 27-28 Tintic District
Aug 17-18 Columbia

The National Utah Token Society (NUTS) meets at the Redwood Multipurpose Center, 3100 South Redwood Road, SLC, UT, on the 4th Thursday at 7:15p.m.

★ PRIZES ★

Door prize: kenlworth merc. co. 5c

Drawing prizes: 1/20th oz. gold coin

1921 silver dollar

1888 O silver dollar

oscar demille & co. rockville, utah 5c

magna pool hall 5c

oxford resort (eureka) 5c

elite cafe T. C. Foley (ogden) 12 1/2c

kozy korner (S.L.C.) 10c

I.P. Duncan kearns bldg 12 1/2c

baseball cigar store 12 1/2c

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NUTS members,

First, I'd like to thank Chuck Morris for giving us an exciting talk on nugget shooting. I can't believe he has found all those nuggets since last October. I'm sure that nugget hunting requires maximum patience, and lots of skill. After all Chuck is not an amateur detectorist. Also I would like to thank Geneal for her great articles. Her contributions are greatly appreciated, and has made the Token Hunter a worthwhile reading periodical.

Well I have called six different potential speakers for this next meeting, and much to my dismay I can't get anyone for the 25th of July. It is the day after the holiday, and it seems everyone is going to be out of town. I also will be on vacation, but the meeting is still planned to be held at the scheduled time. Geneal will conduct the meeting, and we decided to have an informal show and tell. So bring along your latest summer finds and have fun. There will be a drawing as usually.

I hope everyone made an effort to attend the token show. If Bob Campbell comes to the meeting he will probably speak about the show, which by the way was a big success. I was there most of Saturday, and the tables were full of neat things to look at and of course purchase. A special thanks to everyone who helped us with all the necessary tasks to make the show possible. See you at the August picnic.

Sincerely, Eric J. Bernkopf

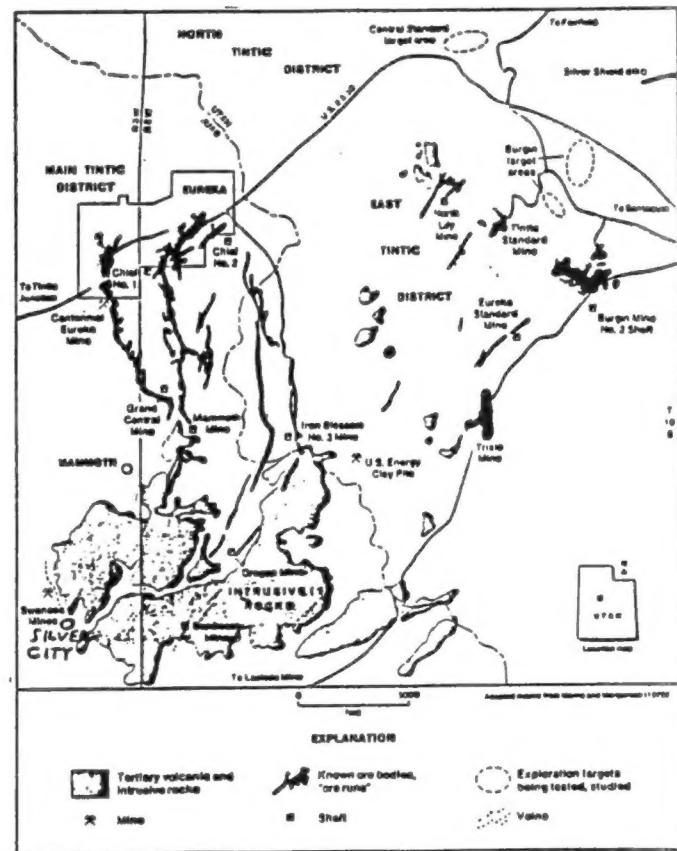
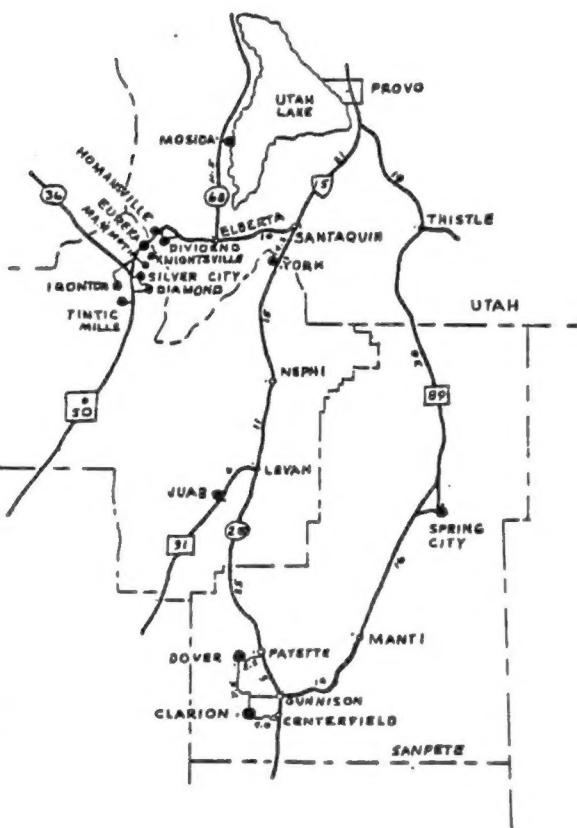
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric J. Bernkopf". The signature is cursive and fluid, with "Eric J." on top and "Bernkopf" below it.

THE TRIP TO TINTIC

The Tintic mining region, located in a desert mountain range and adjacent valleys in Utah and Juab counties, is at current prices the second largest historic producer of metals in Utah. The high silver content of its base metal ores, commonly accompanied by unusually high gold content, has made the district famous in western history. As of 1959, it ranked 20th in the U.S. as a gold producer. Next to Bingham, whose production of gold as a byproduct of copper overshadows all other districts, Tintic ranks second in Utah gold production while Mercur, 30 miles to the northwest, has produced half as much. In silver production it holds first place, followed closely by Park City.

The commercial center of the Tintic mining district is Eureka, a town of 670 people in 1980. It lies in Juab County, just west of the Utah County line. Mammoth, is in a gulch 5 miles to the south and west, has a dozen houses set among old mine dumps, while the outlying villages of Tintic Junction, Elberta, and Goshen are supported by both ranches and miners' paychecks. Some description of the fine, old architecture and the history of the once prosperous mining district were recently captured in a publication by Notarianni.

The Tintic district proper, as delineated a century ago by miners, has yielded nearly all of the metal production. Most authors have used an arbitrary division of the Tintic district into the East Tintic and Main Tintic mining areas along a north-south meridian of longitude 112° 05'. The area north of the drainage divide, in western Utah County, is known as the North Tintic district, and has yielded small tonnages of oxidized zinc ores. The West Tintic mining district lies seventeen miles southwest of Eureka, on the west side of the West Tintic Mountains and the alluvium-filled Tintic Valley.



COLUMBIA

The town of Columbia is located approximately twenty-eight miles east of Price and three miles southeast of Sunnyside.

It is a coal mining community and is the property of the Columbia Steel Company which is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. The mine was originally operated for the purpose of supplying coking coal to the company's by-product coking plant and blast furnace at Ironton, near Provo.

The initial mine was at Columbia, then the nation's defense effort in World War II demanded more steel production, the Horse Canyon mine was also opened up. All this coal was destined for the Geneva Steel Plant in Orem. By 1967, the Columbia mine was pretty well exhausted, but the Horse Canyon mine still had plenty of life left.

Construction of the camp was started in 1922. A year later Thomas C. Harvey took charge as superintendent of operations and through his efforts and foresight the mine and community gradually improved until it was one of the outstanding communities of the county. The population in 1948 was approximate 650 people.

The first school at Columbia was held in a large tent with Mrs. Amanda Roberts as instructor. She taught eight grades with a total enrollment of fourty-nine pupils. In the year 1925 a modern six-room brick building was erected, giving the town the best of school accommodations.

In 1930 the entire property was purchased by the U.S. Steel Corporation. Columbia townsite consisted of dwelling houses, all of wood construction, and in addition there were bunk-houses for the single employees. A store building, boarding house, confectionery, amusement hall and barber shop supplied the community needs. A interesting note, the company boarding houses were called "beanery" at most company towns.

In 1940's the latest type of coal mining equipment has been installed in the Columbia mine, making the production of 2,000 tons or more a day.

Columbia was a company town though a more modern one. An Ohio real estate firm, John W. Galbreath & Co. which for many years has been in the curious business of buying and selling entire towns. The first western town purchased by Galbreath was Dragerton. Another Utah town handled by this firm was Columbia. The general pattern followed is to negotiate with the original owner, who has decided that it is no longer economically feasible to operate a town, and decide on a fair purchase price. Galbreath then takes over the entire town, becoming in effect, the landlord. Community facilities are donated to the town, and the Galbreath Co. then begins to sell the homes, with the original tenants having first choice on the purchase.

by GENEAL CLOSE

The club would like to express our sympathy to the Bruce Robinson family.

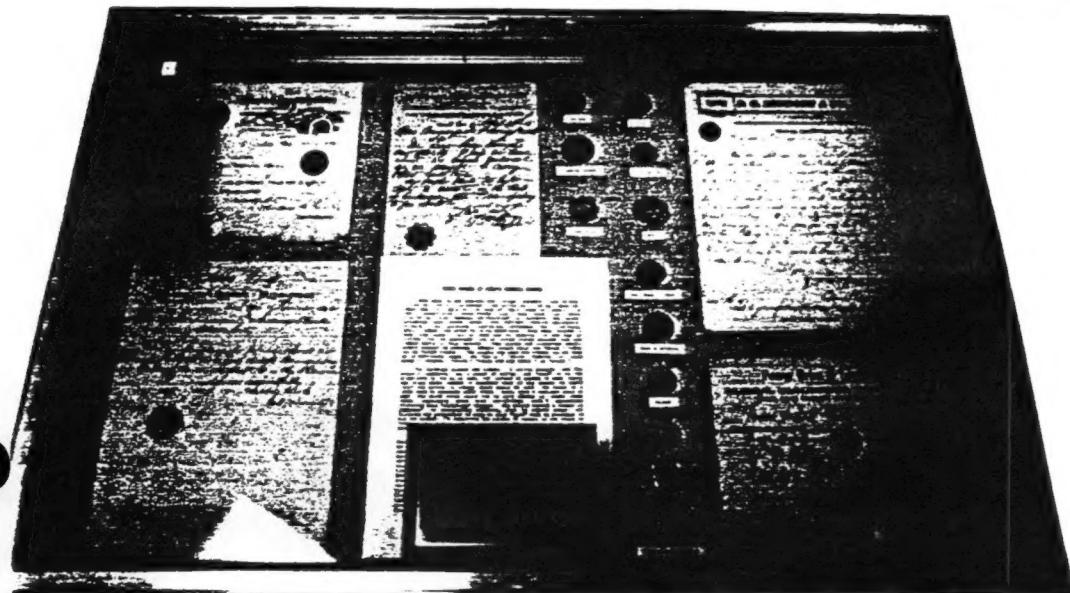
Bruce's sister passed away March 2.

SALT LAKE CITY COIN & TOKEN SHOW



BEST OF SHOW

by Lee McKenzie



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

by Norm Johnson

The 1991 Salt Lake Coin and Token Show was a huge success thanks to all of the help in putting it together. Bob Campbell has put a lot of time in with the table reservations and sign making. His employees at the shop also helped out on work. Show advertisement was done by George Wilson. Set up and take down at the show was accomplished by Jim Price, George Wilson, Byron Elfors, Bob Campbell, Bob Dobson, Phil Lavorgna, Diane Nicewinter, Jolene Henderson, Joe Lewis, Julie Gold, Ralph Gold, Eric Bernkopf, Norm Johnson, Barry Godding and his family. We also need to thank the UNS for use of the display cases.

Best of show and first place in category 3 went to Lee McKenzie for his display on Langacre's Unique Inter-coin Symbolism.

People's choice and first place in category 1 went to Norm Johnson for his display on Trade Tokens of Utah's General Stores.

First place in category 4 went to Eric Jameson for his Mining Certificates of Utah.

First place in category 5 went to Lucas McKenzie for his Coin Bloopers.

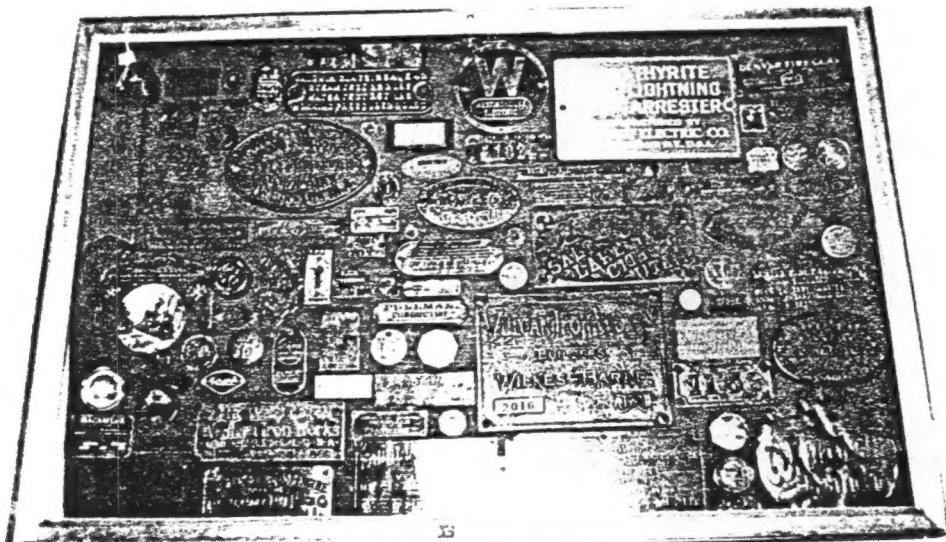
First place in category 6 went to Jay Edwards for his display on Builder Plates from Mining and Railroad Towns, Western States Area.

No one entered category 2.

Thanks to Greg Manos, Irv Ratcliff, Don Keener and Ralph Gold for their displays. The Hospitality Table chores were handled by Jim Price, Mel Milgrom, Helen Epstein, George Wilson, Barry Godding, Ralph Gold, Julie Gold, Eric Bernkopf, Geneal Close, Bruce Dugger and Byron Elfors.

As General Chairman of the show, I would like thank everyone who took part in it. Bob Campbell as Bourse Chairman, really does the majority of the work. We appreciate all the effort he puts into the show each year. THANKS BOB. Eric Bernkopf as the club's past President will be General Chairman next year. I apologize if I missed anyone on the acknowledgements.

Byron



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE GUY THAT FOUND.....

I'm sure a lot of you reader have been talking to acquaintances about metal detecting when the subject came up about someone who knew someone that found very exciting find. Here is few off the top of my head. Please bare in mind that the truth cannot be verified. There interesting anyway.

A fellow co-workers' crew was tearing out some out buildings in Spanish Fork, when they came to a chain-link fence, the top railing on it was a unusual size and extremely heavy it took several men to lift it. One of the fellows on the end dropped it. From out of the pipe rolled numerus silver dollars!!!

A demolishing crew was ripping out a old adobe house in Heber. The track-hoe grabbed a piece of the wall and out spilled a hoard of gold coins!!!

A old fellow was telling a younger cow hand that he had lost a \$20 gold piece in a corral, after he was thrown from a horse he looked and looked but never found it. Years later this cowboy related the story to his son who had a metal detector. After a couple of hours of searching he was the proud owner of a slightly banged up 20 dollar gold piece!!!!

A couple of horse enthusiast was out on the south east deseret riding, they came across what appeared to be a old massacre between settlers and some Indians. Old wagon, skeletons, ect. One of their horses was sick from eating obnoxious weeds, which prevented them from exploring further. (This also appeared in a Treasure Magazine). This one was told to me by the participant.

Mountain Fuel Supply years ago was putting in a new gas line down Univ. Ave front of the Clarks building. A helper seen a gold glider and stoped the operator. On investigating found a \$5 gold piece!!!

While tearing out a house in Provo, to make room for a new gas station. A guy that had the salvage rights (bricks, lumber, ect.) was pulling down a old chimney in the garage. He found 2 gold rings, one was a diamond, a gold coin and odds and ends of some old jewelry!!!

Another old house being tore out to make room for progress, also was very rewarding for the demolishing crew. This one sapositively happened in Lavan, what was found was not divulged, but it was good enough to buy a new car!!!

This ones about Spanish Gold & the Utes, a fellow from Duchesne heard about a a hoard of gold buried on the reservation. So couple of friend loaded up in their pick-up, when they came to a particular spot they started digging. Before they could come up with anything the Ute police and a couple of County Mounties was appond them. They think they were getting very close! The Indians know where it is. They had killed the Spaniards and buried the gold where they fell, for someday when the time is right they will retrieve it!!

by GENEAL CLOSE

The editor failed to give Geneal credit for two of the three articles in last months newsletter. I apologize Geneal.

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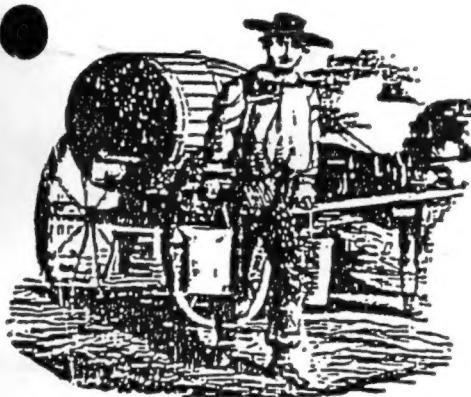
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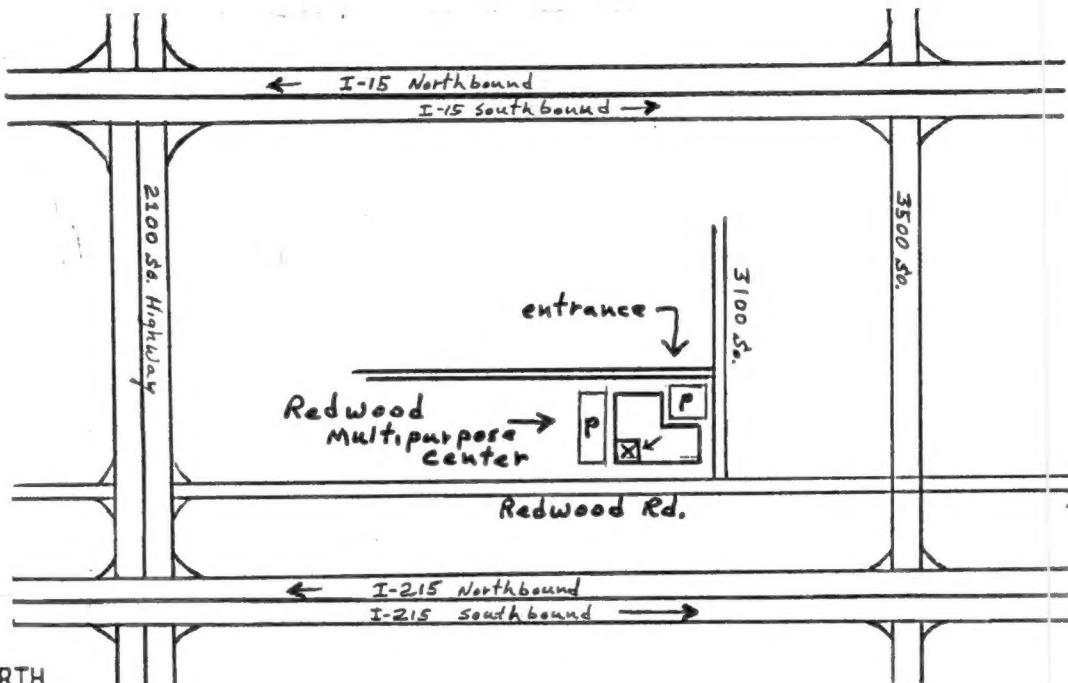
I would like partners to go detecting
in the Salt Lake City area any day,
afternoon or evening (except thursday).
Lots of good locations to share!

Helen Epstein 581-1375

Looking for Utah license plates
older than 1930. I do need a
1943 or 1944 in addition to the
older plates.

Kelly McFarland 292-2006/0799

NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY



MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FOURTH
THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, UNLESS
OTHERWISE SPECIFIED AT:

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7.15p.m.

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